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THE SEARCH FOR AMELIA EARHART. By Fred Goerner. 319 pages. Doubleday. $5.95.

On July 2, 1937, Amelia Earhart, the most famous woman aviator of the day, and her navigator, Fred Noonan, took off from Lae, New Guinea, for Howland Island, on a leg of an around-the-world flight. They never made it; everyone presumed they went down at sea. Fred Goerner, a radio newsman from San Francisco, who has made several trips to the islands, has put together a readable compendium of hearsay, logic and conjecture to show that Miss Earhart was on a spying mission, that she was captured by the Japanese, that she died of dysentery and her companion was beheaded. One thing he does prove is that the Navy has been less than candid and cooperative in trying to establish the truth of what happened.

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